

# KINGMAN FIELD OFFICE SCOPING FORM

DOI-BLM-AZ-C010-2015-0011-CX

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NEPA Document Number

RMP Implementation No. Document Location

## Land Description:

Applicant: BLM, KFO Recreation Program

Authorization:

Acres: 40 Acres

INVOLVEMENT: Indicate in the left column which disciplines need to provide information into the EA.

Needed Input (X)	Discipline	Signature
	Lands	
	Minerals	
	Range	
	Wild Horse and Burro	
X	General Recreation	\s\ Matthew Driscoll 11/17/14
X	Cultural and Paleontological Resources	\s\ Tim Watkins 11/17/14
	Wilderness	
	Soils	
	Surface and Groundwater Quality/Water Rights	
	Air Quality	
X	Wildlife	Rebecca Peck 11/17/14
X	Threatened and Endangered Plants and Animals	Rebecca Peck 11/17/14
X	Migratory Birds	Rebecca Peck 11/17/14
	Surface Protection	
	Hazardous Materials	
	Areas of Critical Environmental Concern	
	Visual Resources	
	Socio-Economics/Environmental Justice	
	General Botany/Noxious Weeds	
	Energy Policy	

Writer: \s\ Matthew Driscoll

Date: 11/17/14

Environmental Coordinator: \s\ Daryl Edwards

Date: 11/17/14

Field Manager: \s\ Ruben Sanchez

Date: 11/18/14

# **Categorical Exclusion Documentation Format for Actions Other Than Hazardous Fuels and Fire Rehabilitation Actions**

## **Project Name**

**NEPA Number** DOI- BLM-AZ-C010-2015-0011-CX

### **A. Background**

**BLM Office:** Kingman Field Office (C010)

**Lease/Serial/Case File No.:** N/A

**Proposed Action Title/Type:** Stockton Town Site Cleanup

**Location of Proposed Action:** T. 22 N., R. 17 W., Sect. 10

### **Description of Proposed Action:**

Clean up trash in the area of the historic Stockton town site on public lands administered by the Kingman Field Office. Work would be performed by volunteers living in the area on private lands and utilizing the Walapai 4 Wheelers. The trash consists of primarily tires, building materials and household trash. The trash would be placed in a 40 yard roll-off dumpster separating metal, non-metal items, and tires. Also refrigeration/Freon units and tires with rims would be separated. There would be a dumpster placed along the BLM route leading towards the Stockton town site in a previously disturbed area so as not to block public access. Cleanup would be accomplished using hand tools. Trash is scattered along several BLM routes and in navigable washes. Pickup trucks, Jeeps, and ATV/UTV's would be used to haul heavy items to the dumpster. No cross-country vehicle travel would be authorized. In addition, Leave No Trace and Tread Lightly principles would be handed out and explained to all volunteers prior to commencing cleanup operations. No new ground disturbance would be authorized under the proposed action.

### **B. Land Use Plan Conformance**

Land Use Plan Name: *Kingman Resource Management Plan/EIS*

Date Approved/Amended: March 1995

This proposed action is subject to the following land use plan: Kingman Resource Management Plan. Date Approved: March 1995. This proposed action has been reviewed for conformance with this plan (43 CFR 1610.5, BLM MS 1617.3) and is in conformance with the objectives of the RMP. Although there is no mention of illegal trash dump cleanups, the removal of trash on public lands does fit with the goals of the management and protection of the environment.

### **C. Compliance with NEPA:**

The Proposed Action is categorically excluded from further documentation under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in accordance with 516 DM 11.9,

J. Other 10: *“Removal of structures and materials of no historical value, such as abandoned automobiles, fences, and buildings, including those built in trespass and reclamation of the site when little or no surface disturbance is involved.”*

This categorical exclusion is appropriate in this situation because there are no extraordinary circumstances potentially having effects that may significantly affect the environment. The proposed action has been reviewed (See Attachment 1), and none of the extraordinary circumstances described in 516 DM2 apply.

I considered the proposal to clean up the trash site at the Stockton Town Site. The requirements and guidelines that are identified in the document would eliminate any potential for significant impacts to the environment.

#### **D. Signature**

Authorizing Official: \s\ Ruben Sanchez      Date: 11/18/2014  
(Signature)

Name: Ruben Sanchez

Title: Field Manager, Kingman Field Office

#### **Contact Person**

For additional information concerning this CX review, contact Matthew Driscoll, Outdoor Recreation Planner, Kingman Field Office, 2755 Mission Blvd. Kingman, AZ 86401

**Note:** A separate decision document must be prepared for the action covered by the CX. See Attachment 2.

## Attachment 1: Extraordinary Circumstances Review

Extraordinary Circumstances	Comment (Yes or No with supporting Rationale)
1. Have significant effects on public health or safety.	<b>No</b> <b>Rationale:</b> The removal of trash would improve public health and safety.
2. Have significant impacts on such natural resources and unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources; park, recreation or refuge lands; wilderness areas; wild or scenic rivers; national natural landmarks; sole or principal drinking water aquifers; prime farmlands; wetlands (Executive Order 11990); floodplains (Executive Order 11988) national monuments; migratory birds; and other ecologically significant or critical areas.	<b>No</b> <b>Rationale:</b> See mitigation measures for cultural resources, no new ground disturbance would be authorized under the proposed action.
3. Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA Section 102(2)(E)].	<b>No</b> <b>Rationale:</b> See mitigation measures and supplemental stipulations for biological concerns.
4. Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks.	<b>No</b> <b>Rationale:</b> A safety session would be conducted with volunteers prior to the project to prevent environmental damage on public lands. The safety session would focus on the hazards of picking up sharp items, the use of OHV's and a skip loader during the cleanup.
5. Establishes a precedent for future action or represents a decision in principle about future actions with significant environmental effects.	<b>No</b> <b>Rationale:</b> Illegal trash dump cleanups have been remediated in the resource area previously and by BLM in the past.
6. Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects.	<b>No</b> <b>Rationale:</b> The event could introduce the trail system to new users that may or may not return. This could increase use within the trail system, but would not be a significant environmental effects as trails are established and designated.
7. Have significant impacts on properties listed, or eligible for listing, on the National Register of Historic Places as determined by either the bureau or office.	<b>No</b> <b>Rationale:</b> See mitigation measures for cultural resources.
8. Have significant impacts on species listed, or proposed to be listed, on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species, or have significant impacts on designated Critical Habitat for these species.	<b>No</b> <b>Rationale:</b> There is no effect to Threatened and Endangered species or to critical habitat within the proposed cleanup area as none are found within the project area.
9. Violate a Federal law, or a State, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment.	<b>No</b> <b>Rationale:</b> See mitigation measures for cultural and biological resources
10. Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (Executive Order 12898).	<b>No</b> <b>Rationale:</b> The removal of trash would have no effect on these populations.
11. Limit access to and ceremonial use of Indian	<b>No</b>

<p>sacred sites on Federal lands by Indian religious practitioners or significantly adversely affect the physical integrity of such sacred sites (Executive Order 13007).</p>	<p><b>Rationale:</b> Access to public land would be maintained throughout the duration of the cleanup, therefore no access to ceremonial or sacred sites would be limited. No new ground disturbance would occur under the proposed action, ensuring the physical integrity of ceremonial or sacred sites are not adversely affected.</p>
<p>12. Contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native invasive species known to occur in the area or actions that may promote the introduction, growth, or expansion of the range of such species (Federal Noxious Weed Control Act and Executive Order 13112).</p>	<p><b>No</b>  <b>Rationale:</b> All volunteers associated with the project are locals from the immediate area. Vehicle travel would be restricted to existing roads, Jeep trails and navigable washes.</p>

## Approval and Decision Attachment 2

**Compliance and assignment of responsibility:** Recreation – Outdoor Recreation Planner

**Monitoring and assignment of responsibility:** Recreation – Outdoor Recreation Planner

**Review:** *We have determined that the proposal is in accordance with the categorical exclusion criteria and that it would not involve any significant environmental effects. Therefore, it is categorically excluded from further environmental review.*

**Prepared by:** \s\ Matthew Driscoll **Date:** 11/17/14

Matthew Driscoll, Outdoor  
Recreation Planner  
**Project Lead**

**Reviewed by:** \s\ Daryl Edwards **Date:** 11/17/2014

Daryl Edwards  
**NEPA Coordinator**

**Reviewed by:** \s\ Ruben Sanchez **Date:** 11/18/14

Ruben Sanchez  
**Supervisor**

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**Decision:** Based on a review of the project described above and field office staff recommendations, I have determined that the project is in conformance with the land use plan and is categorically excluded from further environmental analysis. It is my decision to approve the action as proposed, with the following stipulations (if applicable).

**Approved By:** \s\ Ruben Sanchez **Date:** 11/18/14  
**Ruben Sanchez**  
**Field Manager, Kingman Field Office**

**Exhibits:**

**1) Stipulations:**

- No off-road driving to retrieve any items for disposal unless a qualified site steward or BLM trained Para-archaeologist is available to monitor such activity. (A qualified site steward is a person currently active in the Arizona Site Steward program and is able to recognize an archaeological site in the field).
- If there is a question concerning the age of an item that may be considered “recent trash” or a historic artifact; please consult with a Para-archaeologist or qualified site steward.
- If an area of interest (a potential archaeological site) is discovered that may need further investigation, please note the location and give it to BLM archaeologist.
- Although not expected it is REQUIRED: That in the event human remains are encountered during any activities associated with this clean-up that a BLM archaeologist be contacted immediately. Any additional questions can be directed to: Tim Watkins BLM/KFO Archaeologist at; 928-718-3757. It may be necessary to contact Field Manager or acting prior to contacting archaeologist.
- Hand out and explain Leave No Trace and Tread Lightly guidelines to all volunteers the day of the project.
- In the event hazardous materials are encountered during any activities associated with this clean-up, all activity would cease with the hazardous material and a BLM Law Enforcement Ranger would be contacted immediately.